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Working Group on Biological Weapons Control National Research Council Attn.: Ms. Lynn Ruspen 2101 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C 20418

Dear Ms. Ruspen:

At the suggestion of Mr. Ivo Spalatin, Staff Director on the Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security and Science I am writing to request your assistance in researching the following matter:

Would it be possible to research the exact personnel and institutions to which apporpriations were made for the work on developing a "synthetic biological agent for which there would be no natural immunity" as described on page 79 of the Hearings before the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of the Committee on Foreign Affairs House of Representatives and on page 129 of the Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations for the Department of Defense, copies of both of which are attached hereto (from 1969)?

I would like to know what the status of those appropriations are today and who has been involved in that work since the project was first initiated; this would mean a complete list of personnel and all those who were involved in consulting on every phase of the project.

Obviously the National Academy of Sciences National Reserach Council was considered the most likely avenue to initiate an adequate program as specified by Lady Bird Johnson's nephew, Dr. D.M. MacArthur, on p. 129 (see above). But I would like to know to whom the grants and appropriations were made precisely at your institution and where the work was subsequently carried out and where the results were published if they were published.

On page 124 of the same 1969 Hearings before the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of the Committee on Foreign Affairs House of Representatives Joshua Lederberg (Nobel Laureate for work on bacterial transduction via bacteriophage virus) recommended "the utilization of Fort Detrick, which may be even closer to its present mission", i.e. that Fort Detrick, the U.S. Center for Biological Warfare be opened up that its mission be kept the same (or improved.. "even closer to its present mission"). Lederberg suggested that approach would be a "fear-reducing activity", which he makes clear is primarily to serve as deceptive propaganda and a cover while the biological work goes on unabated: "I think we could have this staff in situ change its assigned mission very, very slightly, indeed, but open it up as an international laboratory." Fort Detrick is now the Frederick Cancer Research Facility! It sounds so benign.

There is overwhelming evidence from the scientific and medical literature that the U.S. government did precisely what Lederberg suggested and that by merely substituting the "discovered" for "developed" the U.S. biological warfare establishment has been able to develop biological weapons such as AIDS, label them as "discoveries" of "natural occurring organisms" and then to write hundreds and thousands of seemingly legitimate papers on their imtimate nature and "epidemiology" as they painstakingly examine their creations and generate propaganda around their "discoveries" utilizing the network of U.S. government laboratories, universities and biological engineering laboratories and the big business media along with fake, loyal "opposition" such as Strecker and Segal who run straw man disinformation campaigns in order to try to monopolize, control and discredit the true explanation of AIDS biological warfare.

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The attractiveness of this approach allows research personnel to be recruited in the development and study of biological warfare weapons without their knowledge in many cases especially at lower levels. The "Principal Investigator" may or may not be brought into confidence depending on his or her awareness and worldview. Most often from all indications they are brought into confidence to increase their effectiveness and in order that they are able to be more effective propagandistically. And it is undoubtedly true that most of the network of "principal investigators" is recruited on the basis first and foremost of their reactionary, racist, sociobiological and Malthusian outlooks.

This is indubitably the reason why Ivo Spalatin was unable to "discover" anything whatsoever concerning my request which is the same I now make to the National Research Council.

If you agree with the above explanation of the U.S. government's practical implementation of Joshua Lederberg's suggestions please let me know.

If not I would approiate it if you would provide me with the entire information I have requested in the first paragraphs. I hope that you are willing to make this a matter of your utmost priority.

Sincerely yours,

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